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RESPONSE

Honorable Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner continued the rejection of independent Claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over the combined teachings of the Bellanger and Monson et al. references. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 11 defines the invention as an apparatus for mapping the performance of an agricultural tractor during operation in an agricultural field. The apparatus includes a sensor that generates a signal that is representative of an operating characteristic of the agricultural tractor. The apparatus further includes a controller that is responsive to the signal from the sensor and that generates a map of the performance of the agricultural tractor during operation in the agricultural field.